

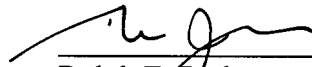
Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claim 19 has been canceled. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Original claims 1-18 and 20 are pending in the Application and were allowed. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early indication of allowable subject matter, in accordance with MPEP § 706.02(j) and § 707.07(j)(III), is greatly appreciated.

The undersigned is willing to discuss any aspect of the Application by phone at the Office's convenience. Applicants reserve the right to file another application (e.g., a divisional application) relating to any claim.

Respectfully submitted,



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